

The President announced the receipt of a communication from the Secretary of the Convention, containing the ordinances of that body, which was on motion laid on the table.

The report of the committee on Stock and Stock Raising reporting a substitute for the bill to amend the act supplementary to an act to regulate estrays, approved February 5th, 1861, was, on motion of Mr. Guinn, taken up, and the substitute adopted.

Mr. Guinn then offered a substitute, and on motion the bill was referred to the committee on Stock and Stock Raising.

On motion of Mr. Shepard, the Senate adjourned til 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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FRIDAY, March 22nd, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called—quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Dulaney, presented the memorial of sundry citizens of Panola county. Referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Mr. Rains presented the petition of sundry citizens of Wood county. Referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Potter, chairman of the committee on the Judiciary, made the following reports :

The Judiciary committee have considered the petition in relation to the oath to be taken by attorneys at law and direct me to report the accompanying bill and recommend its passage.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to amend the fourth section of an act of May 12th, 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, and

To amend the second section of the act of February 11th, 1854, entitled an act to amend the 9th and 10th sections of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved January 24th 1860. Read first time.

The Judiciary committee have considered the application of the Chief Justice of Titus county, for the passage of an act authorizing the County Court of said county, to transfer a portion of the accumulated jury fund of said county, to the general county fund, and a majority of the committee direct me to report a general bill on the subject, and recommend its passage.

A bill to authorize the County Courts of the several counties

to transfer portions of the jury fund to the general county fund.  
Read first time.

Mr. Quinan introduced a bill requiring Insurance Companies and agencies not chartered by this State, to take out license and to secure to the insured the risks taken by them. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Erath introduced a bill for the relief of Charles Finney.

Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to provide for the sale of land ceded to the United States for Indian purposes by act of the Legislature, approved February 6th, 1860, being the special order was taken up and

On motion of Mr. Throckmorton, referred to the committee on Finance.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston Turner's Association. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Harmon, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Walker and Whaley—24.

NAYS.—None.

A bill to incorporate the Galveston Seminary. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Potter, rule suspended, bill read third time and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Harmon, Herbert, Martin, Miller, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Walker and Whaley—22.

NAYS.—None.

A bill to incorporate the Columbus Tap Railway Company, approved 2nd February, 1860. Read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, rule suspended, bill read third time, and passed by the following vote :

YEAS.—Messrs. Blanch, Chambers, Duggan, Dulaney, Erath, Fall, Grimes, Guinn, Herbert, Hyde, Martin, Miller, Neal, Parsons, Potter, Quinan, Rains, Scarborough, Shepard, Stockdale, Throckmorton, Walker and Whaley—23.

NAYS.—None.



A bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson. Read first and second times and referred to the committee on Claims and accounts.

A bill to attach the unorganized counties of Wilbarger, Wichita, Hardeman and Greer, to the county of Clay, so as to form one land district. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Land Office.

The communication received on yesterday from the Secretary of the Convention, transmitting the Ordinances of that body, was taken up on motion of Mr. Potter, and referred to the committee on State Affairs.

A bill to amend the first section of an act to amend the fourth section of the act of May 12th, 1846, entitled an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, and to amend the second section of the act of February 11th 1854, entitled an act to amend the 9th and 10th section of an act to regulate the license and practice of attorneys and counsellors at law, approved January 24th, 1860, was on motion of Mr. Guinn, taken up.

Rule suspended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed

Rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

A bill to authorize the county courts of the several counties, to transfer portions of the jury fund to the general county fund, was on motion of Mr. Potter, taken up, rule suspended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Martin, Mr. Harmon was added to the committee on the Land Office.

On motion of Mr. Fall, Mr. Dulaney was added to the committee on Engrossed Bills.

Mr. Miller introduced a bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to reduce into one, and to amend the several acts concerning executions, passed January 27th, 1842. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Dulaney introduced a bill to authorize and require the Treasurer of the State of Texas to pay out the several sums of money appropriated by an act of the Legislature, making appropriations to supply the deficiency in former appropriations and for other purposes, approved February 14th, 1860. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Finance.

Mr. Throckmorton offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the House concurring, a joint committee of three on the part of the Senate, and five on the part of the House be raised for the purpose of examining into the propriety

of reducing the expenditures of the State Government, and that said committee report by bill or otherwise. Adopted.

Messrs. Throckmorton, Guinn and Parsons were appointed said committee on part of the Senate.

Mr. Duggan offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That in the death of the Rev. James C. Wilson, Texas has lost one of her most gifted, noble and patriotic statesmen, the community one of its brightest ornaments, and the cause of Christianity, one of its most able, efficient and useful Ministers.

*Resolved*, That we tender to his bereaved widow and fatherless children our deep and heartfelt sympathy in their irreparable loss. And that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to them by the Secretary of the Senate.

*Resolved*, That as a token of respect, and in honor to our beloved and departed friend, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days. And that this Senate stand adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

SATURDAY, March 23d, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain—roll called quorum present.

The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill to prescribe the pay and mileage of the members and pay of the officers of the State Convention and to make an appropriation for the same.

On motion of Mr. Potter, the bill was taken up. Read first and second times, and referred to the committee on Finance, and Messrs. Herbert and Stockdale were added to that committee.

Mr. Duggan presented the petition of Thomas G. McGehee, for relief. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Miller presented the petition of William Rice, asking compensation for services rendered. Referred to the committee on Private Land Claims.

Mr. Guinn, chairman of the committee on Claims and Accounts, to whom was referred a House bill granting a pension to William H. Anderson, reported the same to the Senate and recommended its passage.

Mr. Fall, chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported the following bills correctly engrossed.